

SWEET CONTINUED BY MACKENSEN

Teutons Virtually Complete Wallachia Conquest—Seize Buzeu Road

DEFENDERS ROUTED IN DOBRUDJA REGION

2,000 Prisoners Taken—Russian Fleet Shells Bulgar Position

London, Dec. 16.—Mackensen has virtually completed the conquest of Wallachia. The left wing of the 9th Army smashed forward to-day and seized the road from Buzeu to Ramnicu-Sarat. The right wing advanced across the Calamitatul lowlands, east of Buzeu, and forced the Buzeu River in its sector.

The Danube army continued its methodical movement, and by noon the communications of the Buzeu-Romanian forces in the Dobruja compelled their retreat along the whole line. Two thousand prisoners fell into the hands of the Teutons in these engagements.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The Russians have given up most of their southern positions in the Dobruja. Bulgarian, Turkish and German troops, rapidly pursuing the enemy, have already crossed the line of Hirsova-Curtal-Capela, the statement adds. The assaults of the Czar's troops in the wooded Carpathians and in Eastern Transylvania have greatly diminished, according to Teutonic reports. South of the Ural Valley the Austrians have repulsed a height, while at other points the battle continues less spiritedly, with the advantage about equal.

Official Statements on Rumanian Fighting

Petrograd, Dec. 16.—The War Office statement to-day said:

Rumanian front.—On the Moldavian frontier the enemy's advance in the Ural Valley was repulsed.

With a view to the destruction of the supplies of the Bulgarian army with four our vessels successfully bombarded the port of Zaitchik (Belchik) on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast, on Wednesday. We were bombarded by Bulgarian batteries and attacked by sea-vessels and a submarine without result for the enemy.

Berlin, Dec. 16 (by wireless to Sayville).—To-day's War Office statement on the Rumanian campaign reads:

In Great Wallachia and Dobruja our armies, partially by means of engagements, gained considerable ground. There is calm on the Macedonian front.

Front of Archduke Joseph.—South of the Ural Valley Russian attacks twice repeated were halted by our artillery fire.

Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen.—The left wing of the ninth army, in indefatigable engagements, has reached the road from Buzeu to Ramnicu.

The Buzeu River sector, east of Buzeu and on the right wing, by a march across the Calamitatul lowland has been forced by fighting. An additional 2,000 prisoners have been brought in.

The Danube army is irresistibly advancing northeast. In Dobruja the Russians gave up most of their southern positions. Bulgarian, Turkish and German troops, in rapid pursuit, have crossed the line of Capela-Curtal-Hirsova.

Berlin, Dec. 16 (by wireless to Sayville).—The official report by the Bulgarian War Office at Sofia, on December 14, as received here, follows:

Near Duxan a French aeroplane was shot down. Both occupants were made prisoners.

The vanguards of the troops who crossed the Danube near Turtukal, Silistria and Tcheresovda have crossed the Bucharest-Futesti railway. Russian ships have shelled Balchik on the Black Sea coast of Dobruja. Four inhabitants were killed and five wounded.

Desperate Fighting Renewed in Volhynia

London, Dec. 16.—Spirited fighting has broken out in Volhynia. Yesterday morning and evening the Russian and Teutonic troops fought for possession of trench lines east of the village of Koniuski. Four times one trench changed hands. When the engagement came to the southern portion of the Russian outpost, along a 550-yard front, remained in the hands of the enemy.

Austro-Hungarian troops carried out successful raids west of Lutsk during the day, damaging Russian trenches and returning to their lines with booty and prisoners.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON TIGRIS

Attack from Air and Destroy Pontoon Bridges Near Kut

London, Dec. 16.—The British army on the Tigris front, which assumed an offensive Wednesday, has made a further advance. An official statement given out here to-day says that the British are now within three-quarters of a mile of the Tigris, opposite Kut-el-Amara.

"During Thursday the initial advance secured by the operations of the previous night was steadily improved," the statement says, "our forces advancing northward by both banks of the Tigris and the British outpost being established within three-quarters of a mile of the Tigris south of Kut."

"During Thursday night our airplanes, flying by moonlight, successfully attacked pontoon bridges on the Tigris which the enemy had removed from their sites and was towing upstream. The material was broken up and scattered."

ITALY BARS SWEETMEATS

Candy and Cake Manufacture Prohibited for Two Weeks

Rome, Dec. 16.—A decree has been issued forbidding for two weeks the manufacture of candies or cake or their transmission by the post or railroads. The decree further forbids hotels to serve meals containing more than one meat course.

The decree will prevent the sending of an enormous number of Christmas dainties intended for the soldiers at the front.

Danish Fisheries Paralyzed

Copenhagen, Dec. 16.—The "Dagbladet" says that the decision of the Entente Allies to discontinue the supply of oil, paraffin, petrol and fishing tackle for Danish fisheries has paralyzed the industry.

TO FACILITATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING—

The Service Bureau has assembled in a private section of the Seventh Floor well-chosen Gifts for every member of the family, a trimmed Tree surrounded with Toys and a Victrola with Carol, Hymn and Story Records that are certain inspirations of "the Christmas Spirit." Here those who wish to avoid crowds and save time can select and leave orders for any merchandise desired.

James McCreery & Co.

5th Avenue

34th Street

The Following Remarkable Offerings on Monday and Tuesday

"McCREERY SILKS"

Famous Over Half a Century
For Complete Assortments, Quality and Value
McCreery Gift Silks

The opportunity is here afforded to select choice Silks in advance styles that will be most acceptable for holiday gifts. These Silks will be appropriately boxed and forwarded upon request.

Spring 1917 Styles in:

Novelty Dress Silks.....yard	1.00 to 3.00
Washable Striped Shirting Silks.....yard	1.15 to 2.00
Rough Sport Silks.....yard	1.25 to 4.00
Crepe de Chines.....yard	1.50 to 3.00
Georgette Crepes.....yard	1.28 to 3.00
Printed Foulards.....yard	95c to 3.50

Special

12,000 Yards of Superior Quality Black Dress Satin: 36 inches wide.....yard	1.75
Black Chiffon Velvet, double width.....yard	2.85

WOOL DRESS GOODS

5,000 Yards of Navy Blue Serge in a wide variety of weaves and qualities suitable for suits, dresses and skirts. yard 95c to 3.00

Black Broadcloth,—satin finish; sponged and shrunk. 52 inches wide.....Special, yard 2.25

54 inches wide.....Special, yard 3.25

LININGS & FLANNELS

Sateens,—permanent brilliant satin finish, in a wide range of the newest Art colors. 36 inches wide. Special, yard 32c

Fancy Robe Cloth in a large variety of stylish designs and colors. Special, yard 29c

Eiderdowns,—heavy, warm qualities; full line of staple colors. 36 inches wide. Special, yard 55c

Double-faced.....Special, yard 95c

WOMEN'S SILK HOSIERY

Exceptional Values

Thread Silk Hosiery of exceptional quality, in plain weaves. Black, White and the leading shades. pair 1.35

Thread Silk Hosiery of superior quality, with hand-embroidered insteps, Black or White. pair 1.95

Thread Silk Hosiery,—fine gauge. Black, White and colors. pair 1.95

Silk Hosiery with three-strand hand-embroidered clon. Black or White. pair 2.50

WAIST PATTERNS

Very Attractive and Practical Gifts

A recent importation of Waist Patterns of Voile and French Lawn with collars and fronts of Lorraine embroidery. Prices range from 3.75 to 7.50

FEATHER NECKWEAR

Marabout Collarettes.....	1.75
Marabout Capes.....	3.75
Marabout Shoulder Scarfs.....	4.75
Marabout Capes, Silk-lined.....	4.75
Marabout Muffs.....	3.75 to 5.50
Imported Novelties in Marabout Neckwear.....	4.75 to 11.75
Ostrich Feather Boas.....	1.85 to 4.75

Gift Suggestions

PERFUMES & TOILET GOODS

Djer-Kiss Sets, 2 and 3 pieces.....box	1.25 to 2.75
Houbigant's Ideal Extract.....	2.85 and 4.90
Houbigant's Quelques Fleurs Extract.....	3.75 and 6.95
Coty's L'Origan Extract.....	3.10 and 5.00
Rosine Nuit de Chine Extract.....	7.00
Hudnut's Extracts, assorted odors.....	50c and 1.00
Hudnut's Toilet Waters, assorted odors.....	75c and 1.40
Melba Extracts, assorted odors.....	50c, 1.00 and 1.25
Melba Toilet Waters, assorted odors.....	75c and 1.00
Perfume Atomizers,—Cut Glass bottle with silk-net covered bulb.....	2.00 to 11.50
Tourist Cases,—of Silk and Cretonne, rubber lined. All colors.....	50c to 5.00
Thermos Carafes in colors, also nickel plated.....	3.50 to 12.00

Specially Priced

12-piece Ivory-finished Toilet Set engraved free of charge with a three-letter monogram. Complete set. 12.75

Attractively Priced

DESK SETS

For Gift Giving



1. Desk Set of Black Glass with polished brass trimmings; six pieces; desk pad 12x19 inches. 6.50	2. Desk Set in various colors, with desk pad 12x19 inches. Long Grain.....5.00 Crushed Levant.....7.50	3. Desk Set of Black Glass with polished brass trimmings; six pieces; desk pad 14x20 inches. 7.50
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Many other Desk Sets at prices ranging from 8.75 to 25.00

FUR COATS, MUFFS & NECKPIECES

At December Sale Prices

No more acceptable Holiday gift could be selected than one of these Coats or Sets of fashionable design, made from superior grade selected pelts.

Hudson Seal Coats with Skunk collar; richly lined.....	95.00
Hudson Seal Coats,—semi-fitting, belted model with Skunk collar and cuffs.....	165.00
Fur-lined Coats of mixed fabrics, lined with Squirrel; collar of dyed Opossum.....	45.00

Muffs and Neckpieces

Taupe Wolf Muffs.....	22.50
Natural Raccoon Muffs.....	15.00
Natural Raccoon Scarfs.....	12.50
Hudson Seal Muffs.....	16.50
Hudson Seal Scarfs.....	22.50
Taupe Fox Muffs.....	37.50
Taupe Fox Scarfs.....	37.50

Specially Prepared Sale WOMEN'S CREPE DE CHINE BLOUSES

Five Thousand Blouses of superior quality Crepe de Chine, in four attractive models, in White, Flesh Color and new pastels, at the special price of 2.95



1. Blouse, as illustrated, in Crepe de Chine, with two deep tucks in front; deep flat collar with three tucks; finished with black silk bow. 2.95
2. Blouse in Crepe de Chine effectively tucked in front, on collar and cuffs; collar may be worn high or low. 2.95
3. All-over Tucked Blouse in Crepe de Chine,—tucks form block effect; deep sailor collar; hemstitched; turn-back cuffs. 2.95
4. Dressy Blouse in Crepe de Chine with embroidered design on front; Venise lace insertion bands; lace edge on collar. 2.95

WOMEN'S SWEATERS—Specially Priced

A large variety of Women's Sweaters in Brushed Wool, Jersey Cloth and Shetland Weaves, in the season's most wanted colors.

Shetland Weave Sweaters in an attractive model with high rolling collar, cuffs and belt of white brushed wool; various colors. 5.90

Sweaters of Brushed Wool,—loose belted model with white striped border on sailor collar, cuffs, pockets and around hips; finished with pearl buttons. 4.95

Brushed Wool Skating Scarfs at greatly reduced prices.....95c, 1.50 and 2.50

WOMEN'S HIGH GRADE COATS

A Special Purchase

To Sell at This Extraordinary Low Price
18.50

A manufacturer's over-production, including one or two each of this season's many attractive styles—

Fur-trimmed and plain Models,—tailored of various high-grade materials in the fashionable shades. Some are lined throughout; others are half-lined. All are remarkable values.

The remaining stock of Evening Wraps and Coats at greatly reduced prices.

NO EXCHANGES. NO C. O. D.'S. NO APPROVALS

WOMEN'S SMART SUITS

Taken from Regular Stock and Reduced to

25.00

formerly 33.00 to 47.50

A special selection of many very attractive Suits from our Winter stock, consisting of Velvet, Gabardine and Velour Suits, also Sport Suits in fancy mixtures.

Showing also many very dressy models of Imperial Velour, Bolivia and Chiffon Velvets handsomely trimmed with fur, at greatly reduced prices.

AFTERNOON & EVENING DRESSES

Remarkable Values

Women's Evening Frocks of Net over Silver Cloth, tunic effect, with Silver lace and net in bodice; in various shades and Black or White. Specially priced 24.75

Women's Afternoon Dresses of Serge, Wool Jersey, Crepe de Chine and combinations. Formerly up to 35.00 24.75

Women's Evening Frocks in an extensive assortment of high-grade materials and desirable colors. Specially priced 14.75

The entire present stock of high-class Evening Dresses marked at decided reductions.

HOUSE GOWNS & NEGLIGEEES

The great variety of styles in dainty Negligees, warm Kimonos, Lounging Robes and Bath Robes affords a selection of practically any wanted material and color, at a very reasonable price.

Special Offerings

Negligees of Crepe de Chine,—graceful, loose-fitting model, trimmed with swansdown; in a variety of colors..... 8.50

Crepe de Chine Negligees,—several dainty models, in many colors. 9.75

Japanese Geisha Gowns of Satin, beautifully hand-embroidered; silk lined. 12.75

Lounging Robes of wide, wale Corduroy, made with high neck and long sleeves; lined throughout with Silk; in a variety of colors. 7.50

Flannelette Wrappers,—loose and fitted models, in pretty colorings. 2.25 and 2.95

INFANTS' & CHILDREN'S APPAREL

(5th Floor)

Practical gifts for infants and little children are easily selected from the attractive assortment of dresses, rompers, bath robes, afghans, white enameled wardrobes, cribs, bassinets, nursery chairs, china wash sets and stands, costumes and innumerable other dress accessories now to be seen in the Infants' Department.

Specially Priced

Hand-tufted Crib Covers, Pink or Blue.....each 2.95

Bath Robes of Blanket Flannel in assorted patterns, for children of 2 to 6 years. 95c

Size 8 to 12 years.....1.25

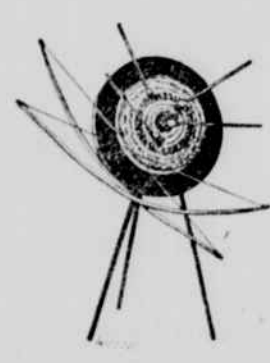
Sweaters, white or colored, size 1 to 6 years. 1.95 to 3.95

Hand-painted Novelty for Infants,—a large variety ranging in price from 25c to 3.50

TOYS, DOLLS, BOOKS AND GAMES

Specially Priced for Monday Only:

Plush Teddy Bears.....	75c
regularly 1.00	
"Erector" Models—educational.....	2.50
regularly 3.00	
Mystic Puzzle Boxes.....	75c
regularly 1.00	
Wilkin's Mechanical Hook and Ladders or Fire Engines, finely finished.....	75c
regularly 1.00	



The Toy Department on the Fifth Floor has been greatly enlarged. Everything possible has been done to make selections easy and thus facilitate the task and save the time of busy Christmas Shoppers.

Specially Priced for Monday Only:

Kindergarten Material,—box with one-inch balls, cubes and cylinders finished in six colors.....	1.25
regularly 1.65	
Toy Vehicles made of wood, hand-somely finished in colors, consisting of Sight-Seeing Cars, Storage Vans, Steam Rollers, Limousines, Jitneys and Trucks. regularly 1.00	75c
Character Dolls dressed in various combinations.....	1.00
regularly 1.25	